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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 15-17 and add new claims 52-85, as follows:

15. (Amended) The device of Claim 17, wherein the device is configured to permit advancement of a conduit to be placed between a heart chamber and a coronary vessel.

16. (Amended) The device of Claim 17, wherein the first lumen extending at least partially through the elongate tubular body is a side lumen.

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